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In re Application of:)
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Tadashi IGUCHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2826
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Application No.: 10/612,033) Examiner: Quinto, Kevin V.
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Filed: July 3, 2003)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY)
PREVENTING AN ELECTRIC)
SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN A)
WORD LINE AND A)
SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE,)
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD)
FOR THE SEMICONDUCTOR)
MEMORY (As Amended))

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